

Leicester, April 27/62,

Dear Burleigh;

I suppose you are now back again at Florence. We duly rec<sup>d</sup>. the 1<sup>st</sup> portion of your Mss. extending to leaf No. 38, & read it with much satisfaction. We all wish you would allow yourself more paper :- please write <sup>the lines</sup> farther apart, s'o as to allow of easier interlineation; and please never write on both sides of a page. If it were not that your hand-writing is so firm & clear, & the very extraordinary pains you take, it would be too hard for printers to follow <sup>your copy;</sup> - but, you'll say, there's virtue in that "if". - I delayed acknowledging the last lot, <sup>in hope to</sup> ~~until~~ I could get a definite answer from Ferrinton as to the number of printed pages your Mss.



already sent would make. I have  
now only got an approximate calcu-  
lation - which is that the 38 sheets  
now sent & in hand will make at the  
least 80 pages of print, & probably a  
~~good~~ considerable more!! Our Sub-Committee  
do not like, or care, to strike out aught  
that you have written; but upon subse-  
quent topics you will need to reduce  
very much the scale of proportions. If  
you send any more MSS. by or before  
~~Wednesday~~ Thursday A. M. May 1<sup>st</sup>, you  
may direct it to me. From that date to May  
9<sup>th</sup>, you had better direct it to C. K. Whipple, as  
I expect to be in New York, at Leicester, N. Send  
it of course to 221 W. St. Boston. —

Your history of the last Presidential  
nominations & Conventions is most  
excellent - very valuable for its clearness  
& admirable connexion. To me it was



Like a new Revelation, what a  
set of unmatched villains those  
Slaveholders are! Was there ever such  
a deep laid & infernal plot! That it did  
not succeed at the time must really be  
ascribed to a Higher Power than any of  
human origin? - Then your history of the  
Secession is also very valuable. If the  
American Editors, Librarians, & Publicists  
generally knew what was true & good, they  
would take exceeding pains to possess  
themselves of these Reports! But the due  
appreciation of them must wait for another  
generation.

I presume you recd. some proofs  
before leaving Plainfield. Yerrinton had  
it ready to go Wednesday (16 pp. I think)  
and I advised his sending there - & without  
the <sup>copy</sup> ~~proof~~; - for, if I recollect right, you  
did not have the copy sent to you of the  
previous Report. If you wish to have



copy sent you in future, you  
must so notify Y. & G. at No. 221.

— They are desirous to have the  
least possible delay in getting the  
proof back again. —

I am, Very truly Yours

Saml. May Jr